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“The spirits in the eternal world are like the spirits in this world. When those have come into this world and received tabernacles, then died and again have risen and received glorified bodies, they will have an ascendancy over the spirits who have received no bodies, or kept not their first estate, like the devil.”—
JOSEPH SMITH.

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PRAYER AND BLESSINGS

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

WE HAVE received many telegrams of congratulation on this occasion, but we shall not attempt to read any of them this morning. It has fallen to my lot, although a very weak, humble instrument in the hands of the Lord, to succeed the wonderful men who have presided over this Church—the Prophet Joseph Smith, than whom no greater man I believe has ever graced the earth; that marvelous pioneer, Brigham Young; that mighty champion of liberty, John Taylor; that exceptional converter of men to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Wilford Woodruff; Lorenzo Snow, an extraordinary man at eighty-five years of age, who in three years lifted the Church from the slough of despond financially to a place of financial standing; and that man, beloved by all who knew him, one of the outstanding men of all the world, Joseph F. Smith, the greatest preacher of righteousness I have ever known.

It is my right and privilege, as the President of this Church, to extend a blessing to the people; and with all my heart and soul I bless my counselors for their devotion to me and to the Church. I remember with gratitude my counselors who have passed away. I rejoice in the wonderful labours and the devotion of each and every one of the men who are members of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, also the Presiding Patriarch of the Church. I pray God to bless them for their integrity and for their de-

votion, for their labours at home and abroad among the people.

I pray God to bless the Seven Presidents of the Seventy, the men who stand at the head of that great body of Priesthood, whose duty and obligation it is to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

I pray the blessings of the Lord upon the Presiding Bishopric of the Church, who preside over all the Lesser Priesthood—the Priests, Teachers and Deacons of the Church.

I pray God to bless this wonderful gathering of High Priests, such a gathering as I am sure cannot be found in any other part of the wide world. I pray God to bless the Seventies and the Elders. I pray that He may bless all the members of the Lesser Priesthood; that He may richly pour out His blessing upon them in their youth, that there may be planted in their hearts a love of God and a desire to serve Him as they grow to manhood; that they may feel to walk in the footsteps of their faithful parents. All of us who have been born in the Church, almost without exception have been born of parents who have given their lives and the best that is in them for the work of God.

One of the most earnest prayers of my heart all my life has been that I should be able to live to be worthy of such a father and such a mother as were given to me.

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS BLESSED

I pray that the blessings of the Lord may attend all of the general officers of our Church, all of whom are devoted to this work. I pray for the blessing of the Lord upon the officers and the General Board of the Relief Society. My heart goes out in gratitude and thanksgiving to God for the organization, through the Prophet Joseph Smith, of that wonderful Society.

I thank the Lord for my association with Eliza R. Snow, Zina D. Young, Sarah M. Kimball, Aunt Emmeline B. Wells, Bathsheba W. Smith, Clarissa S. Williams and Sister Louise Y. Robison, who have stood as officers of the Relief Society. I am thankful indeed for what they have accomplished, for their wonderful work and example, and I pray God's choicest blessings upon them.

It is our sisters who carry the burden of the work. We talk about the missionary work of the Elders who go forth to proclaim the Gospel; we talk about the great pioneer work of the early settlers of this country; but I wish to say here that it is the mothers at home who are making the sacrifice for the boys to go into the mission field. It is the mothers who stand the hardships far more than the men. Men are engaged in many activities, and without the devotion and absolute testimony of the living God in the hearts of our mothers this Church would die. May God bless the mothers of men, is my most humble prayer;

and I do bless them in the name of God our Heavenly Father, and in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

I pray for the same blessing upon the officers of the General Board of the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association, and upon the Primary Association, the Sunday Schools and the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association. I also pray for the blessings of the Lord upon those devoted and wonderful workers in the Genealogical Society. It is wonderful what is being accomplished in the temples through the energy of these people who are working along that line.

I pray for the blessings of the Lord upon our choir and its officers, and upon the music committee. I pray for the blessings of the Lord upon the choirs throughout the Church. There are no other people in the world in proportion to their numbers who have so many who pray to the Lord in beautiful songs.

PRESIDING OFFICERS AND MISSIONARIES

God bless the Presidents of Missions, one and all. They are marvelous men, those who are active to-day and those who have served in the past. It is marvelous to contemplate the love and the confidence they have inspired and the inspiration that they have given to those over whom they preside.

I pray God to bless the wonderful men who have given so much of their time as Presidencies of the Stakes of Zion. Many of the men occupying these positions give nearly as much time to their Church work as they do to their ordinary affairs in life.

I pray for the same blessing upon the wonderful men who are Bishops and Bishops' Counselors. I ask for the blessing of the Lord upon those who preside over the quorums of Priesthood throughout the Church.

I pray abundantly for the blessings of the Lord to be with those who have been sent forth to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, to lift up their voices in testimony that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ, the Redeemer of the world, the Saviour of mankind, and to bear witness that Joseph Smith was a prophet of the true and living God, inspired of God to restore again to the earth the plan of life and salvation.

O, how my heart goes out to those young men and young women who go forth with this testimony burning in their very hearts for the spread of the truth. And thank God that they have brought honest souls from all over the wide world, from every denomination under heaven, to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May God bless them and bless their parents who are making sacrifices to send them forth to proclaim the Gospel. O, how I do rejoice that I do not know of one son or one daughter in all Israel who has gone out into the world to proclaim the truth that has come home to announce that the truth is in some other land.

Thank God for the truth and the power that goes with these young men and young women as they go forth to proclaim the restoration again to the earth of the plan of life and salvation, the Gospel of Jesus that you and I have received.

God bless the Patriarchs. I thank the Lord for Patriarch Perkins, a noble man in St. George, who gave me a patriarchal blessing as a little child, foretelling my life in one small page of longhand writing, which has been fulfilled to the very letter. I thank God for John Rowberry, who gave me a blessing to the effect that I should be taken from Tooele and be made one of the leading officials of the Church; and who promised Francis M. Lyman that his name should be chronicled among the Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ in these last days. God bless our Patriarchs and inspire them in their splendid work.

BLESSINGS UPON THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH

I echo the prayer that was offered in the opening of this meeting, that God will bless the President of the United States and his cabinet, and all the officers of our great country. How I do rejoice in the statement contained in the Book of Mormon to the effect that this is a land choice above all other lands and that no king shall reign here. Let us be true and loyal to this land of liberty. In no land in all the wide world could the Gospel of Jesus Christ have been established except in this beloved America of ours.

God bless that liberty-loving country, Great Britain. May He bless our neighbour on the north, which is like one of our own family, Canada. May the blessings of the Lord attend our people on the south, in Mexico, who are struggling for their rights and their liberty. May peace dwell in that land.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH BLESSED

I pray that the blessings of Almighty God may be and abide with all the members of this Church, every faithful, diligent Latter-day Saint. May we be able to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ by the honesty, the uprightness and the truthfulness of our lives. If we do this, we are sure of a final triumph.

I rejoice in all that we have heard here to-day. I rejoice and I am sure that the Prophet and the Patriarch of the living God who sealed their testimonies with their blood will rejoice at this wonderful gathering. O, how I did pray, how I did supplicate the Lord that Joseph F. Smith, the son of the martyred Patriarch, might live to occupy to-day this position that I am occupying. Never until the night before he passed away did I give up hope that he should have that privilege. But it has fallen to my lot without my seeking to occupy this position. By that spirit of blessing

which he possessed, I bless you one and all, and all Israel, and every honest-hearted soul in all the world who is trying to do good, and I do it in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the world, and by the authority of the living God, the Priesthood that I hold. Amen.—Delivered at the opening session of the Centennial Conference, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U. S. A., on Sunday, April 6th, 1930.

RELIEF SOCIETY

SLOGAN: "We Stand for a Greater Appreciation of our Centennial Year by Looking for Others' Virtues."

Imagine what it would be like if the harshness of the world were done away with! Try and picture the sublimity of an association where no fault-finding was present. What a heaven-on-earth it would be if we were able to see only the good qualities in those about us! The plan has been given us, by the Saviour Himself, and is available for everyone upon the face of the earth. It is a simple one, too; and the essence of it is found in the second greatest commandment: To love our neighbours as ourselves. There is no charge for practicing it, and yet it is invaluable. The wealthiest man in all the world could not purchase one bit of it, and yet in the humblest home it may be found in abundance. And the way to secure it for one's self is as devoid of hardship as anything could be.

We have the message of the Restoration, and it has been proven and tested by one hundred years of trials and triumphs. Since 1830, spiritual "employment" has been given to all who would reach out and grasp it; the wages, or "returns," have been the very highest, too.

Think what this means—this plan of learning how to gain the brotherhood and companionship of those about you! Were one of us to seek to purchase the virtue of a friend with money, he would meet with complete failure. The thing that we most need would be lost to us, if we tried to put a price upon it. And yet, by adopting the very simple plan of being of service to the remainder of the children of God, we are able to secure it permanently. *This* is the avenue by which we can end mental unemployment.

We should be very thankful for what has been done for us in this regard. Of all people, we, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, have the greatest reason for happiness. We are all working for the finest Paymaster the world has ever known. There is every justification for feeling encouraged in our respective pursuits of life. The best way to gain this treasure, to show our appreciation for what has gone before and what has been opened for us in the future, is to put into active practice the simple procedure of looking for the good in other people.

TEACHER TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER: "Dependability (Sincerity)."
 Central Theme: Success in any endeavour is based upon dependability and sincerity.

- A. The worthy religious and social achievements of the past have been due to the dependability and sincerity of their founders.
 - I. The Prophet Joseph Smith himself accomplished much because he was reliable and unwavering in his beliefs.
 - a. The trust of the Lord in him could not have been held by a weak-willed person.
 - 1. The opposition and persecutions by the enemies of the Church would have been more than such an individual could have stood.
 - b. The loyalty of the Prophet's followers was based upon their leader's dependability and sincerity to them and the Gospel.
 - 1. If Joseph Smith had weakened, they would have probably doubted the truthfulness of their cause.
 - II. The success of the Boy Scout movement, as generated by Sir Robert Baden Powell, has been due to these attributes.
 - a. In the early days of the organization, the country had to be convinced of the usefulness of the movement.
 - b. The training of the members called for a leader with sincere ideas and plans of instruction.
- B. Present enjoyments are due to the general dependability of those involved.
 - I. The helpfulness of the Relief Society is dependent upon the co-operation of its members.
 - a. With individual poor-relief, nothing could be done; but with all working together, a good amount can be accomplished.
 - b. The interchange of ideas, in meetings and elsewhere, is a fine way to gain education.
 - 1. Our knowledge and intelligence are greatly increased through learning of the experiences and ideas of others.
 - C. To be really successful in any endeavour of life, one must be dependable and sincere, both in personal convictions and in associations with his or her associates.

J. B. L.

"Fire tries iron, and temptation a just man. We often know not what we can do, but temptation shows us what we are. Yet we must be watchful, especially in the beginning of temptation; for the enemy is then more easily beaten, if he be not suffered to enter the door of the mind, but be met on the threshold at the first knock."—THOMAS A. KEMP.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SACRAMENT GEM FOR NOVEMBER

We'll sing all hail to Jesus' name,
 And praise and honour give
 To Him who bled on Calv'ry's hill
 And died that we might live.

CONCERT RECITATION FOR NOVEMBER

(Acts, Chapter 1, Verses 10 and 11.)

And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

BOOK OF MORMON DEPARTMENT.

The Book of Mormon outline for November has been delayed and will be printed in a subsequent issue of the *Millennial Star*.

OLD TESTAMENT DEPARTMENT.

November 2. Lesson 39. David (Continued). Text: Sunday School Lesson No. 39; II Samuel 11; 12: 1-24. Objective: Show that even the great and favoured of the Lord may fall when tempted; that while repentance makes it possible to bring about a forgiveness of sin, the effects of a sin cannot be blotted out. The safe way comes from an avoidance of both temptation and sin. Show that one wrong-doing generally leads to another.

November 9. Lesson 40. David's Dark Days. Text: Sunday School Lesson No. 40; II Samuel 12: 15-25; 15: 1-18; I Kings 2: 1-4, 10, 11. Objective: Show that David accepted a true attitude towards life and its troubles, even in the presence of death and rebellion.

November 16. Lesson 41. Solomon. Text: Sunday School Lesson No. 41; I Kings 1, 2, 3, 4: 20-34. Objective: Show that inspiration and revelation from God make for wisdom in the temporal ruler, just as it makes for spirituality in the religious leader. It is wisdom, after all, that leads to understanding; and this will hold for an understanding of things heavenly as well as for things worldly. Faith leads to an acceptance; wisdom to an appreciation and understanding.

November 23. Lesson 42. Solomon (Continued). Text: Sunday School Lesson No. 42; I Kings 5, 6, 7. Objective: In laying the foundations for the ancient kingdom of Israel, David represents

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EDITORIAL

EMIGRATION

THE NATURAL desire of Latter-day Saints to enjoy each other's companionship, and to avoid persecution, prompt them to seek homes where there are many Church members, that is "to gather with the Church." Such gathering under the changing fortunes of the Church was first directed to Kirtland, Ohio, next to Missouri, and then to Nauvoo, Illinois, and vicinity. After the long enforced trail across the plains, Western America became the gathering place.

That was as it should be. The young Church, then small and weak, needed a strong centre from which its divine work could issue. One arrow may be broken by a child, but a bundle of them resists the strength of a man. The gathering of the Saints, commanded by the Lord, soon created a series of adjacent, compact, courageous Latter-day Saint communities now famous throughout the world. Thereby, the Church became firmly established.

The boundaries of the gathering were extended with the growth of the Church. The Western valleys overflowed with people, and permanent groups of Latter-day Saints were formed in places far distant from Church headquarters. As these somewhat isolated groups grew sufficiently, all the organizations and institutions of the Church were supplied to them; and always, when faithful, they became powerful proselyting agencies, showing humanity the joy that the Gospel may give.

The population of the Church has now become great, and new world conditions have arisen. Latter-day Saints must still gather out of "spiritual Babylon," out of the midst of wickedness, but not necessarily, as in the past, to the headquarters of the Church. Many must now bear witness of the Restoration and help establish powerful units of the people of the Lord in all countries. This is a high commission. The destiny of the Church is to cover the earth.

The nations, divinely directed, are assisting in working out the purposes of the Lord. America, blessed to be the cradle of the restored Gospel, is making it more and more difficult for those of other governments to enter upon its shores. Such changes would not justify any lessening of the efforts of the Church to teach the glad message to all the world. It must continue its sacred work, and organize those who accept the truth into

groups where the ordinances and rites of the Church may be practiced and the word of truth heard. Then the latter-day cause will spread as never before over the earth, in all lands, under every flag.

The prophets of old foresaw this day. Nephi said,

And it came to pass that I beheld the church of the Lamb of God, and its members were few, because of the wickedness and abominations of the whore who sat upon many waters; nevertheless, I beheld that the church of the Lamb, who were the saints of God, were also upon all the face of the earth; and their dominions upon the face of the earth were small, because of the wickedness of the great whore whom I saw. . . .

And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and they were armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great glory. (1 Nephi, 14 : 12, 14.)

Those who live in the missions may ask whether they shall receive, away from the headquarters of the Church, the full blessings and privileges offered by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Surely the Lord will remember them. The organizations of the Church are being instituted in the missions. The same activities, programs and courses of study are followed here as in the stakes and wards. Missions that become large enough, under favourable conditions, are organized into stakes and wards. The leaders of the Church, sustained by the faith and prayers of the Church, travel over the earth, to give counsel and solace to all. As occasion justifies the action, undoubtedly temples will be built in various parts of the earth, for the further salvation of the children of men. And let it not be forgotten that missions of Zion are just as truly parts of the Church as stakes of Zion.

Those who in the providence of the Lord are called to spend their lives away from the centre of the Church, will lose nothing and may gain much. They will battle for righteousness on the front line. Their reward is secure, if their lives are pure; and as they fit and prepare themselves for other blessings, new privileges will be given them.

There is yet another consideration. Difficult economic conditions cover the earth. America is no exception; the pressure upon the countries differs only in degree. Members of the Church in any land, who are blessed with fairly satisfactory employment, should not risk that which they have, in their own familiar lands, for the uncertainty of congenial employment in a strange country.

Usefulness in the latter-day cause should be the aim of Latter-day Saints; and the greatest usefulness, under present conditions, may often be found in the missions, there to help strengthen and build up the Church. Earnest service will bring deep joy anywhere.

Meanwhile, the doctrine of free agency is upheld by the Church of Jesus Christ. Compulsion is incompatible with Gospel principles. We have the right to decide for ourselves on all matters pertaining to our lives. If we live properly, the Holy Spirit will guide us in our decisions. This writing therefore is but an explanation and counsel to the Latter-day Saints.

—W.

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political and military strength; Solomon spiritual and intellectual. Proper combination of these two will make any people or nation great. David had the desire to build the temple; to Solomon, though, was given the opportunity.

November 30. Lesson 43. Solomon—His Success and Weakness. Text: Sunday School Lesson No. 43; I Kings 10; 11: 1-13; 11: 9-26. Objective: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." (Mark 10: 25.) It is not wealth that creates wickedness, it is man's misunderstanding of what wealth is to be used for. A man who uses this wealth wisely must be master of it. Wealth, as the servant, is useful; but when wealth becomes the master, it destroys its owner.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

November 2. A Picture Lesson. (Refer to *The Instructor*, September, 1930, page 571.)

November 9. Lesson 84. Jesus As a Boy. Text: Sunday School Lesson No. 84; Luke 2: 39-40; *Jesus the Christ*, Talmage, pp. 111, 112; Farrar's *Life of Christ*, Chapter 5; Weed's *A Life of Christ for the Young*, Chapter 7. Objective: Strength comes by doing.

November 16. Lesson 85. The Visit to Jerusalem. Text: Sunday School Lesson No. 85; Luke 2: 40-52; Weed's *A Life of Christ for the Young*, Chapters 7, 8, 9, 10. Objective: Obedience to God's laws brings strength of body and of spirit.

November 23. Lesson 86. Some Songs of Thanksgiving. Text: Sunday School Lesson No. 86; Luke 1; Weed's *A Life of Christ for the Young*. Objective: He who expresses thanksgiving to God brings to his own life joy and contentment.

November 30. Lesson 87. A Psalm and a Story. Text: Sunday School Lesson No. 87; Psalms 100; *Little Women*, by Louisa M. Alcott. Objective: He who expresses thanksgiving to God brings to his own life joy and contentment.

—*The Instructor*, September, 1930.

A WISE MERCHANT takes stock of himself as well as of his goods.

MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

THE M. I. A.—WHAT IT STANDS FOR.

(The following is an excerpt from an address given at Salt Lake City, Utah, by Oscar A. Kirkham, of the Mutual Improvement Association General Board.)

President Brigham Young, the founder of the Y. M. M. I. A., among other instructions, stated the general purpose of the organization in these words: "We want you to organize yourselves into associations for mutual improvement. Let the keynote of your work be the establishment in the youth of individual testimony of the truth and magnitude of the great latter-day work; the development of the gifts within them that have been bestowed upon them by the laying on of hands of the servants of God; cultivating a knowledge and an application of the eternal principles of the great science of life. . . . Each member will find that happiness in this world mainly depends on the work he does, and the way in which he does it. It now becomes the duty of these institutions to aid the holy Priesthood in instructing the youth of Israel in all things commendable and worthy of the acceptance of Saints of the Most High God."

A like assignment was made by President Young to the Y. L. M. I. A., when he organized his daughters into the first organization. Among other excellent instructions given, he said: "Retrench in everything that is bad, and improve in everything that is good."

The aim of the M. I. A. is, therefore, not only, first, to impress the youth with a testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; but secondly, to aid them in obtaining all true knowledge; to teach the young people to preside over public assemblies; to express themselves before the public; to enable them to study and practice civil, vocational, social, scientific and educational affairs; and also to train them in all that pertains to religious, moral, social, physical and intellectual advancement. There is no laudable excellence or enjoyment that the Church does not foster or desire to promote among the young men and women of a community; and its purpose in sustaining Mutual Improvement Associations and charging them with the care of the young people is to answer every desire of this nature, and to provide for the gratification of every legitimate ambition and impulse, to excel in these and in leisure time fields without having to seek opportunity elsewhere.

SLOGAN: "We Stand for Loyal Adherence to Latter-day Saint Ideals."

LESSON TEXT: "Modern Revelation."

FIRST NIGHT. Opening exercises. *Preliminary Program*—Slogan talk: Explain why the obtaining of a high ideal of conduct

in life should be the goal of every Latter-day Saint. Have your best reader read a short scene from one of Shakespeare's plays. (Be sure that this assignment is given to someone who will give it definite and thorough preparation.) *Lesson*—Chapter 4. "The Relation of the Revelations to Church History." Objective: To point out that each revelation was given to answer a definite need.

SECOND NIGHT. Opening exercises. *Preliminary Program*—Slogan talk: Show that the type of loyalty to Church ideals, that is asked for, is obtainable by everyone. Have someone tell of an interesting experience that he or she has had during the past holiday season. An instrumental selection—using someone new, if possible. *Lesson*—Chapter 5. "The Preface: Section One." Objective: To show that God follows the highest rules of composition and understanding in prefacing His modern day revelation.

THIRD NIGHT. Opening exercises. *Preliminary Program*—Slogan talk: Point out how real loyalty demands that we stand for the convictions of the truthfulness of the Gospel that we possess. Have a recitation; then follow that up with a five-minute report of current events, as may be obtained from the newspaper. *Lesson*—Chapter 6. "The Giver of the Revelations." Objective: To show that the Trinity are separate Personages, each working in His separate capacity—and yet all together—for the benefit of all mankind.

FOURTH NIGHT. November Harvest Festival. To most of us the fall of the year is the most glorious part of the calendar. The farmer is bringing in his crops; the fishing season is in full swing, and the general atmosphere bears an aroma that fills us with vigour and happiness in being alive. So with this thought in mind, we are all going to have a "Thanksgiving" costume festival for this night. This is to be a get-together for each branch only, as the District mid-winter social will come later on.

Everyone should come in a costume, either representing a vegetable, a fish (if this can be done), a farmer, a farm girl, or something similar. For the best costume, give an appropriate prize.

Decorate the hall or room, where the party is going to be held, with anything that will carry the "harvest" spirit with it; a few streamers of brown and yellow crepe paper will help in this regard. The officers should be at the hall early, to see that all is ready, and to properly welcome all who attend. Open the party with song and prayer; then go on with the program, which will be sent out as the November M. I. A. game supplement.

Close on time; shake hands with everyone; have a smile on your face always; and especially invite all to keep on coming to your Mutual Improvement meetings. *Be sure and study the November Supplement.*

W. D. A.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FIELD

Is it proper to allow a person to be baptized with a rubber bathing cap over the head to keep the hair from becoming wet?

The prescribed form of baptism is symbolic of the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ; and also of the cleansing effect of obedience, comparable to the cleansing of the body by the washing of water. The symbolism is not complete unless the body is fully immersed and completely touched by the water. Bathing caps should not be worn when the ordinance is administered. Any departure from this rule must be authorized by the Mission President.

ULSTER DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THE members of the Ulster District and many of their friends enjoyed the Spirit of the Lord at the Fall District Conference held at 131 A Donegall Street, Belfast, Ireland, on Sunday, October 5th. All were spiritually fed by the addresses and testimonies given.

At the morning session, the members of the District ably presented a pageant which portrayed the evils incident to breaking the Word of Wisdom.

The afternoon meeting was devoted to talks given by members upon the history, activities and purposes of the various auxiliary organizations of the Church. Their value in building up men and women spiritually, mentally and morally was extolled by the speakers. Several missionaries bore witness to the Gospel.

At the evening meeting, Sister Josephine B. Lund exhorted the parents to take more interest in their children, to live exemplary lives for them to follow. President A. William Lund thrilled the gathering with an impressive discourse on the fundamental principles of the Gospel.

Those attending included: British Mission President A. William Lund, Sister Josephine B. Lund, President of the British Mission Relief Society; and the following traveling missionaries: President Cyrus H. Gold, and Elders T. Bruce Jenkins, Conrad A. Johnson, Otto Done, Royal H. Jensen, Merrill H. Glenn, John Bunderson and Ronald L. Wilson, of the Ulster District; Elders DeVon Stewart, William O. Toleman and J. Ferrin Gurney, of the Scottish District; and President David H. Huish of the Bristol District.

ELDER T. BRUCE JENKINS, District Clerk.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Arrivals and Assignments: The following missionaries arrived at Southampton on September 30th, aboard the *Empress of Australia*; they have been thus assigned:

For the British Mission: David Taylor, Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Leeds District; Marlow V. Wootton, Blackfoot, Idaho, to the Liverpool District; LaDell Mervin Larson, Logan, Utah, to the London District; James Bowman Beesley, Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Norwich District; Willard Cleon Skonsen, San Bernardino, California, to the Sheffield District.

For the Czecho-Slovak Mission: Charles Dresden Miller, Provo, Utah.

For the German-Austrian Mission: Floyd Lillywhite, Garland, Utah; Lorenzo Bleyl, Salt Lake City, Utah.

For the South African Mission: Clarence Dixon Taylor, Provo, Utah; John Henry Smith, Salt Lake City, Utah; Evan Pettit Wright, Salt Lake City, Utah.

For the Swiss-German Mission: Thomas Lowell Broadbent, Ogden, Utah; Grant H. Calder, Vernal, Utah.

Doings in the Districts: *Birmingham*—At a baptismal service held in the Handsworth Chapel on September 30th, one person was baptized by President Virgil J. Smith and was confirmed by Elder Cyrus W. Greaves.

Hull—At a baptismal service held at the Medley Street Baths, Hull, on September 27th, five persons were baptized by Elders Harding H. Higham and Glenn S. Barton. They were confirmed by President Herbert C. Fletcher, and Elders Robert V. Moncur, Stephen S. Moore, Ralph C. Bardsley and T. Allen Lambert.

Leeds—On Monday, September 29th, the Bradford Branch Relief Society held a harvest festival. A delightful program was given. Fruits and vegetables were given away and sold.

Liverpool—A Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday September 28th, in the Blackburn Branch. The next evening, a harvest festival was given, attended by a large number of members and friends. Fruits and vegetables were sold.

On Saturday, September 27th, the Nelson Branch Relief Society held a sale of work. During the evening, the members of the Branch produced an entertaining concert.

Sister Leah D. Widtsoe, President of the European Mission Relief Society, was pleasantly surprised by a party given in her honour by the Liverpool Branch Relief Society, at "Durham House," on September 15th. A splendid program was enjoyed by the many members and friends present. A token of love and esteem was presented to Sister Widtsoe.

London—On Sunday, September 7th, President Owen M. Wilson had the opportunity of addressing the St. Pancras Adult School on "The United States—The Melting Pot of the People." A half hour was devoted to questions on the subject. Many friends were made, and further invitations extended to the "Mormon" missionaries. On the following Tuesday, Elder G. Dwight Wakefield addressed the School on "'Mormonism's' Place in the Religion of the United States." This was the first time many of them had heard our doctrines, and they were very interested. Twenty minutes were devoted to questions. Considerable literature was distributed at the close of the meeting.

Newcastle—Seventy-five members and friends of the Shildon Branch thoroughly enjoyed a pie and pea supper on September 23rd, given by

the M. I. A. and Relief Society. Games were played and a program presented.

Record attendances were noted at the illustrated lectures on "Scenic Utah" given by Elder Wesley D. Amott on October 3rd and 4th in Bishop Auckland and Chester-Le-Street, respectively—the total attendance for both was five hundred and fifty. The large audiences were interested and well pleased with the lecture.

Nottingham—On October 6th, members of the Loughborough Branch and their friends joined in making the opening social of the M. I. A. winter season a huge success. The evening was devoted to a delightful program and games. Light refreshments were served.

The Relief Societies of the District, under the direction of Supervisor Rhoda Tinson, gave a most successful bazaar on September 20th, as a preliminary to the coming District conference. The evening's entertainment consisted of a well-presented program, games and refreshments.

Portsmouth—Many people attended and enjoyed the illustrated lectures given at Brighton, Tumbridge Wells and Reading on October 8th, 9th, and 10th, respectively. These lectures are proving to be valuable in removing prejudice and erroneous impressions of the Church.

Branch Conferences: Of the Wolverhampton Branch, Birmingham District, held on September 28th. "The Word of Wisdom" was the theme of the day. President Virgil J. Smith, and Elders Ivan E. Lauper, Cyrus W. Greaves, Karl C. Durham and Sidney G. Atkin were present.

Of the Nuneaton Branch, Birmingham District, held on October 5th. The theme of the conference was "The Women of the Church." President Virgil J. Smith, and Elders Ivan E. Lauper, Elwood A. Gee, Orrin W. Astle and Karl C. Durham attended.

Of the Gainsborough Branch, Hull District, held on September 28th. The theme, "The Articles of Faith," was given by the Sunday School in the morning session. At the evening meeting, addresses were given on the witnesses to the Book of Mormon. Those attending included President Herbert C. Fletcher, and Elders Harding H. Higham, Robert V. Moncur and Stephen S. Moore.

Of the Scunthorpe Branch, Hull District, held on October 5th. "The Apostacy and Restoration," the theme of the day, was presented in song and speech by local members and missionaries. Attending were President Herbert C. Fletcher, and Elders Stephen S. Moore, Ralph C. Bardsley and Marion J. Olsen.

Of the Burnley Branch, Liverpool District, held on September 28th. The pageant, "The Gospel Story," was effectively produced at the afternoon session. The Branch orchestra furnished the music.

Of the West London Branch, London District, held on September 28th. "Mormonism's Future—A Challenge to Personal Worthiness" was the theme of the day. The following missionaries attended: President Owen M. Wilson, and Elders Paul B. Larsen, A. Fenton Smith and Wendell B. Price.

Of the Lowestoft Branch, Norwich District, held on September 21st. "Baptism" was the theme of the conference. Essays were given by the

Branch members. President Harold A. Thorne, and Elders Don R. Patterson and Joseph McAllister were present.

Of the Leicester Branch, Nottingham District, held on September 28th. "The First Pioneer Harvest" and "Spiritual Harvests of To-day" were treated in song and speech by members and missionaries. President Harold B. Rowell, and Elders Roland G. Manning, Edward L. Hall and Moroni H. Brown attended.

Of the Hucknall Branch, Nottingham District, held on September 21st. The Centennial idea was the theme of talks given by the local members and President Harold B. Rowell and Elder Roland G. Manning.

Of the Eastwood Branch, Nottingham District, held on October 5th. The theme, "Fruits of the Gospel," was presented by Branch members. In attendance were: President Harold B. Rowell, and Elders Roland G. Manning, Morgan C. Bowly and Ralph C. Merkley.

Of the Holloway Branch, London District, held on October 5th. The central thought portrayed was "'Mormonism's' Future—A Challenge to Personal Worthiness." President Owen M. Wilson, and Elders Paul B. Larsen, D. Ross Urie, John W. Adams, and President Benjamin R. Birchall, of the Free State District, attended.

DEATHS

NEWTON—Sister Mary Jane Chafer Short Cozens Newton, of the Grimsby Branch, Hull District, passed away on September 13th at the age of 53 years. Funeral services were held on September 16th at the home and at the Cleethorpes Cemetery under the direction of President Herbert C. Fletcher. President Fletcher dedicated the grave.

PARFREMENT—Sister Gladys May Parfrement, 22 years of age, of the Nottingham Branch, Nottingham District, passed away on September 16th after a prolonged illness. Funeral services were conducted by President Harold B. Rowell on September 20th in the Carlton Cemetery Chapel. Brother Harry Hayes dedicated the grave.

TURNBULL—Sister Mary Elizabeth Fryer Turnbull, aged 42 years, of the Gateshead Branch, Newcastle District, passed away in the Newcastle Royal Infirmary on September 12th. Elder Raymond Searle conducted the funeral services on September 16th. The grave was dedicated by Elder Joseph R. Greenhalgh.

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